

Spencer Finance Committee  
March 19, 2013  
Minutes

**Call meeting to order:** 7:04 p.m.

**Members present:** Mary Braney, Chair, Paul McLaughlin, Vice Chair, Nancy Herholz, Mike Malone, Bill Wall, Robbin Joyce & Julie Parenteau; Adam Gaudette, Town Administrator.

**Guests:** Mark Robidoux, Sewer Superintendent, Frank White & Larry Dufault, Sewer Commissioners; Steven Tyler, Water Superintendent & U&F Superintendent.

**Minutes of March 12, 2013 meeting**

Motion: Paul McLaughlin

Second: Mike Malone

Approved: Unanimously

**Correspondence:** Letter to each FinCom member from Dean Iacobucci, BPVRHS Business Manager with regard to FY2014 budget; General Bylaws update as of 11/12/2012; The Beacon; Annual Report of the Town Officers for the Town of Spencer.

**Budget Presentations:**

- Sewer Department  
Superintendent, Mark Robidoux, Commissioners Frank White & Larry Dufault along with Adam Gaudette, Town Administrator, presented and discussed the departments FY2014 level-service budget. Discussed salaries & wages and general expenses.  
Discussion, questions & comments.
- Water Department; Utilities & Facilities; Highway Department; Transfer Station  
Superintendent Steven Tyler & Adam Gaudette, Town Administrator presented FY2014 level-service & level-funded budget for the Water Department. Discussed salaries & wages and over all general expenses for the Water Department, Utilities & Facilities, Highway Department, Snow & ice removal and Transfer Station & Solid Waste Management.

Mr. Tyler noted no increase to water rates; water department realized a decrease in debt service due to released debt; also stated the need for building maintenance personnel and a tech aide to assist with projects.

Also noted, by Mr. Tyler for the highway department, is the need for an additional \$165,000.00 for dams & storm water.

Transfer Station sticker and bag fee are unchanged but other resolutions to the ongoing deficit with the TS are being discussed.

Discussion, questions & comments.

**Liaison Report**

SEBRSC: Julie Parenteau & Mary Braney stated that at the 3/18/2013 School Committee meeting a copy of their financial report was distributed. FY2014 budget was presented and approved by the School Committee with a 30% increase.

The school is projecting a budget shortage for FY2013 of up to \$2 million — which they plan to borrow and pay back over a period of 10 years. Also, a proposal is in place to ask voters to approve an override to fund the school budget.

Discussion, questions & comments.

**Any other:** Question asked by Paul McLaughlin with regard to the Vocational School tuition & town funding and if any progress had been made. Adam Gaudette stated that a Bill had been filed with the MMA; still waiting for a response.

**Adjourn 8:17 p.m.**

Motion: Paul McLaughlin

Second: Bill Wall

Approved: Unanimously

Meeting Schedule: March 26 Bay Path, SEBRSD & Council on Aging; April 2 Public Hearing; April 9 Votes on recommendations for Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted;

Nancy E. Herholz